

Amendments to the Specification

Page 2, line 17:

Molinari, U.S. Des. ~~161,954~~ 161,954 describes an open mesh knitted shoulder bag design.

Page 3, first full paragraph, lines 4-8:

Aucoc, U.S. ~~808,166~~ 898,166 describes a metallic web or fabric for the purposes specified, comprising a plurality of rings connected in groups, each ring having a central inset portion provided with a setting for the reception of ornamental stones, and each group of rings being centrally connected by a member comprising a stud having a head and a setting therein; and the rings of said groups being connected in pairs by links.

Page 3, third paragraph, lines 16-23:

Rice, U.S. ~~5,845,994~~ 5,845,994 describes a holding device including a mesh container having a closed end and an opposite open end defining an interior. A tassel may hang from the container proximate the closed end. The mesh container may be formed by a plurality of strands braided and tied together in a series of knots such that a diamond-shape weave appears. A drawstring is inserted through the interstices of the mesh at the open end of the container. A cinching mechanism, such as a draw bead, slidably engages the

drawstring for opening and closing the open end of the container. The drawstring may have a connecting ring for enhancing safety.

Paragraph spanning pages 3 and 4:

[[Our]] ~~The prior art search with abstracts~~
~~described above teaches: a mesh bag, a metallic web or fabric,~~
~~a metal cloth for purses, chatelaine bags etc., a laundry bag,~~
~~a green food feeder for poultry, an open mesh knitted shoulder~~
~~bag, and a purse or the like, but does not teach a combination~~
~~mesh pouch with closure and enclosed jewel wherein the weight~~
~~of the jewel is sufficient to close the mesh pouch. The~~
~~present invention fulfills these needs and provides further~~
~~related advantages as described in the following summary.~~

First full paragraph of page 4, after the heading
"Summary of the Invention":

~~The present invention teaches certain benefits in~~
~~construction and use which give rise to the objectives~~
~~described below. In accordance with one aspect of the present~~
~~invention, there is provided a flexible jewel pouch for~~
~~holding a jewel, comprising a metal mesh dimensioned to hold~~
~~the jewel therein, having a top opening and having a plurality~~
~~of apertures, the largest aperture being smaller than the~~
~~jewel; a mesh carrying arrangement slidably attached to the~~

mesh along the top opening, wherein when the jewel is placed in the mesh, the mesh suspends from the mesh carrying arrangement and the weight of the jewel causes the mesh carrying arrangement to at least partially close the top opening of the mesh thereby securing the jewel therein.

Page 4, second full paragraph:

[[A]] In accordance with one embodiment of the present invention, the mesh jewel pouch is formed using a bottom ring for closing a bottom end of the jewel pouch. Extending upwardly from the bottom ring are a plurality of metal chain strands forming a mutually spaced-apart chain-strand adjacency relationship around the bottom ring. Each one of the chain strands is joined to its neighbor strands on either side by attachment rings to form an open mesh fabric. Terminal ends of the strands are joined to slider rings on a jewel support band so that with a jewel held within the jewel pouch, and with the jewel pouch suspended from the jewel support band by the slider rings, the weight of the jewel is sufficient to cause the slider rings to slide along the jewel support band into mutual adjacency for closing a top end of the jewel pouch for capturing the jewel therein.

Page 4, following the second full paragraph, amended directly above, insert the following new paragraph:

The present invention further provides a jewelry kit comprising in combination: at least one jewel pouch as described above and at least two jewels each of which is capable of fitting into the mesh and having at least one visual characteristic different one from the other. Thus, for example the jewels may differ in their color such as to achieve different jewel arrangement by the replacement of a jewel having one color with a jewel of another color and to thereby obtain different adornments.

Page 6-7, paragraph starting at page 6, line 4 to page 7, line 9, included creating five paragraphs from the original single paragraph, please amend as follows:

The present invention is a mesh jewel pouch 10 formed using a bottom ring 20 of sufficient rigidity and strength for closing a bottom end 12 of the jewel pouch 10, which as described below, will support and enclose a jewel 5 of a significant weight (Fig. 4). The word "jewel" in this specification and in the claims to follow shall include in its meaning, precious and semi-precious gems, stones, crystals and like objects without exception.

 Attached to, and extending upwardly from the bottom ring 20 are a plurality of highly flexible, jewelry quality metal chain strands 30 forming a mutually spaced-apart chain-

strand adjacency relationship around the bottom ring 20 as shown in Figs. 1 and 2. That is, the strands 30 are movable on the bottom ring 20 and are preferably attached to the bottom ring 20 using rings 21 somewhat larger than the links of the strands 30.

 Preferably, the strands 30 are made up of chains having a length equal to the length of two of the strands 30, and the chains are then folded in half at a midpoint 35 of the chains to form two V-shaped strands 30. In one approach, the midpoint 35 of the strands is attached to the bottom ring 20, as shown in Fig. 1, while in a second embodiment, the free ends of the V-shaped strands 30 are attached to the bottom ring 20 as shown in Fig. 2.

 In either case, each one of the chain strands 30 is joined to another strand (e.g. an a-first-adjacent/neighbor
one), ~~or neighboring one~~, of the chain strands, identified by the numeral 30' in Fig. 3, by one of a plurality of attachment rings 40 at spaced-apart intervals 50, and to a second adjacent one of the chain strands, identified by the numeral 30" in Fig. 3, at points 55 within the intervals 50.

 The intervals 50 may be of a constant dimension, or may vary across the pouch 10. Likewise, the pattern of the strands 30 may be of various shapes and other than the diamond shape shown in Fig. 4. In this manner, the jewel pouch 10 is

constructed with a plurality of apertures which may be of any one of a wide range of shapes and said shapes may vary within a pouch.

_____When the midpoint 35 of each chain is fastened to the bottom ring, as defined in Figs. 1 and 3, the terminal ends 32 of each of the chain strands 30, 30', 30" is engaged with a slider ring 60 and is therefore slidably engaged with a pouch support means, typically a necklace 70, having a clasp means 72 for closing the necklace 70 in a continuous loop (Fig. 5), or with a bracelet 75 (Fig. 7) or with an anklet 80 (Fig. 8). However, when the midpoint 35 is fastened to the slider ring 60 (Fig. 2), the free ends 32 of chain strands 30 are attached to the bottom ring 20, via rings 21, and indeed, may extend below as a fringe 31 (Fig. 4).

_____The jewel 5 is held within the jewel pouch 10, wherein with the jewel pouch 10 suspended from the jewel support means by the slider rings 60, the weight of the jewel 5 is sufficient to cause the slider rings 60 to slide along the jewel support means into mutual adjacency for closing a top end 14 of the jewel pouch 10 for capturing the jewel 5 therein. Preferably, a safety clasp 100 (Fig. 4) is engaged with at least two of the slider rings 60 for securing the jewel pouch 10 in a top-closed attitude as shown in Figs. 5-8.